



Pastoral Cluster

Incorporating the Parishes of Holy Family Bell Park, Ss Peter & Paul's Geelong West & Holy Spirit Manifold Hts.

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Reflection by Richard Leonard

Think about this for a minute!

It is time to elect a world leader, and yours is the deciding vote. Here are the facts about the three leading candidates:

Candidate A associates with crooked politicians, consults with astrologers, has had two mistresses, is severely disabled, chain smokes and drinks 8 to 10 martinis a day.

Candidate B was kicked out of office twice, slept until noon, used opium at university, is an undiagnosed manic-depressive and drinks a bottle of whiskey every day.

Candidate C is a decorated war hero, vegetarian, doesn't smoke or drink, except for an occasional beer and has never had an extra-marital affair. Who would you choose?

Candidate A is Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Candidate B is Winston Churchill.
Candidate C is Adolph Hitler.

Sometimes the best candidate on paper is the worst leader in reality. Thank goodness Jesus did not hire a management consultancy to help him recruit his earliest disciples. On paper Peter, James and John would not have got past expressing interest in the job. Jesus recognised, however, that they had the three things necessary for Christian leadership: faith, hope and love.

Not that they had it immediately. We know they constantly misunderstood Jesus and tried to steer in other ways. They made promises they did not keep and they abandoned Jesus when the going got tough. But they had the one thing that nearly all great leaders have in their formation: a mentor who knows they are not perfect, forgives their limitations, tells

them the truth, brings them back to what they are actually on about and inspires them by what he says and how he lives.

Sometimes we think the Gospel always demands a very different lifestyle to the one we have, and sometimes it does, but today's Gospel should be taken seriously, not literally. Luke tells us that the disciples 'left everything and followed him'. We know that following Jesus did not demand of Peter, for example, that he abandon his family. And we also know that the disciples returned to their work of fishing a number of times in their life with Jesus.

Luke is telling us, then, that to follow Jesus is a radical option and that we have to divest ourselves of anything that stops us serving the kingdom of God. Conversely, it follows that we have to cultivate the very things that draw us on in the Christian life.

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- 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

(Year C - February 7, 2016)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In the sight of the angels I will
sing your praises, Lord.

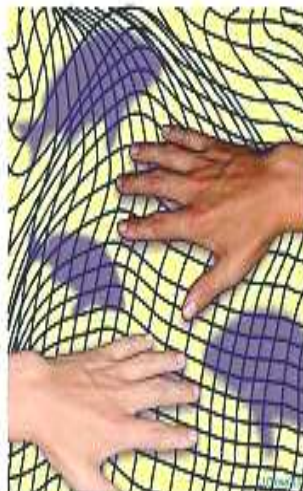
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my
people. **Alleluia!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**1st Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Deut 26:4-10
2nd Reading: Rom 10:8-13
Gospel: Lk 4:1-13

**PARISH PRAYER:**

God our Father, bless this parish so that we may love you more. Help the parents to be a good example to the children and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians.

Encircle our families with your loving care. To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow, joy. May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

Heavenly Father, help us to respond to and live out our mission in the Church, and in the world.

Help all your people to know their vocation in life and assist them to live it well.

For your greater glory and for the service of your people, call many to be priests and religious.

Give those whom you call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Pastoral Cluster at Prayer

WEEKEND MASSES:

Holy Family, Bell Park:

English... 8am and 9.30am Sunday

Croatian... 11am Sunday

Slovenian.. 12.15pm every 2nd Sunday of the month

Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts:

6.00pm Saturday

11am 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

5.00pm Saturday

11am 2nd & 4th Sundays

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Holy Family:

9.15am Tues, 9.15am Thurs

Holy Spirit:

9.00am Wed, 11am Fri and 9am Sat. **Reconciliation after Saturday Mass**

Grace McKellar Centre:

10.15am - 1st, 3rd, 5th Tues;

Maryville Nursing Home:

11am 1st & 3rd Friday

Multicultural Centre:

1.30pm - 1st Friday;

Vincentian Village:

3.00pm 1st & 3rd Monday, (2nd & 4th Communion Service)

BAPTISMS:

1st & 3rd Sundays 12noon at Holy Spirit, 2nd & 4th Sundays 12noon at Ss P&P, 3rd Sunday 2pm at Holy Family

COMMUNAL PRAYER:

Mon... Holy Family Women's Prayer Group

10.00am

Holy Family Community Centre

Tues... Meditation Group

5.30pm

Holy Family Community Centre

Wed... Prayer of the Church

Before 9am Mass

Holy Spirit Church

Wed... Holy Family Women's Prayer Group

10.00am

Holy Family Community Centre

Thurs... Italian Prayer Group

10.00am

St Patrick's Chapel

Fri... Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

After 11am Mass

Holy Spirit Church

Fri... Divine Mercy

3.00pm

Holy Spirit Church

Sat... Rosary

After 9am Mass

Holy Spirit Church

OUR LADY'S STATUE:

If anyone would like to have Our Lady's Statue or if you could spare an hour a month to help, ph Tina Montalto on 5278 9314.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS: Rodolfo Maniquez and Beverley Hedley

ANNIVERSARIES: Antonio Cicero, Vince Fazio, Robbie Pergolotti, Maria & Antonio Polimeni

BAPTISMS: Audrey Manche, Mila Pausak, Emelda Payne and Thomas Selwood

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Anita Capicchiano, Joe Vanjek, Robert Hayes, Anna Beachell, Elaine, Aaron & Jennifer Lyall, Lou Resciniti, Ellen Lacy

Please note:

After approx five weeks names will be deleted from the sick list . Please phone the office on 5278 1343 if you wish names reinserted.

Roster for Next Sunday, February 14, 2016

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

8.00AM

R Allum

F O'Neill

R Allum, J Genova, C Marcantonio

C Marcantonio,

R Allum

9.30AM

C Simpson

D Lunn, A Negro

H Verdnik, M Baird, J Sheahan, M Perera,

V Resciniti, E Glynn

C Resciniti

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

6.00PM

D Ryan

J Ryan

R O'Neill, E Ryan, Lucy Vannata

M Brown

J Lynch

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

5.00PM

A Hubbard

P Power, P Hubbard

P&A Hubbard, P McGlinchey

11.00AM

E Strzelecki

M Martin, A Kissane

E Strzelecki, L Fossey,

M Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey

R Martin

RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLUSTER:

Pastoral Cluster Luncheon...	First Sunday of each month at the Holy Spirit Hall from 12noon. BYO food and drink to share.
Holy Family Luncheon..	Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. BYO casserole & drink to share.
Holy Family Women's Group...	First Monday evening of each month at the Community Centre 7.00pm
St Vincent de Paul...	Holy Family meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at the Community Centre 7.30pm. Holy Spirit meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7.00pm in Holy Spirit Hall
Legion of Mary...	Every Friday 9.30am in the Holy Family Community Centre
Baptism Preps	4th Mondays 7.30pm in the Community Centre
Holy Family Choir Practice...	Every Wednesday night at Holy Family Church 7pm
Manifold CWL...	Holy Spirit Hall, 1st Wednesdays in the month
Italian Mass...	First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
Catholic Diners' Club...	Second Tues of each month, 6pm at Berkeley Lodge. Dinner/Guest Speaker - ph Terry on 5221 7339

If you wish to know more about these groups, as well as about our Sacramental Program for children in non-Catholic schools, our Baptism and Wedding procedures, our Partnership with the Columbans in the Philippines and so on, please visit our webpage:
www.pastoralclusterqeelong.org

Cluster News:

LENTEN PROGRAM 2016 - MERCY:

Mercy is a weekly program, primarily for group use, based on the Sunday Scripture readings during Lent. The name and theme of the program is in response to Pope Francis' "Year of Mercy".

There will be **THREE** groups meeting during Lent -

Group 1 - 10.00am Mondays

Group 2 - 10.00 Wednesdays

Group 3 - 7.00pm Thursdays

LENTEN PROGRAM 2016 - DREAMS... A WAY TO ENRICH OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE:

Sr Jean McGonigal RSM is offering a 6-week Lenten program based on reflections on Biblical and Personal Dreams with the opportunity to help you interpret your dreams. The sessions will be held on **Wednesday afternoons 1-3pm** or **Wednesday evenings 7-9pm** commencing **17th February** at the Pastoral Cluster Centre.

Sign-up boards for both programs are at the back of each Church.

BOOKS AVAILABLE: In the Office we have been doing a major clean-up. As part of this clean-up we have many books, including those from Monsignor Murray's library, that parishioners are welcome to take for free. The books will be available this weekend at the back of the Churches.

PASTORAL CLUSTER PARISH GROUP RECONCILIATION PROGRAM: *The program is as follows...*

Session 1: Sunday Feb 28 9.30am Holy Family Church - Welcome and Commitment Mass

Session 2: Sunday March 6, 9.30am Holy Family Church - Lesson for children during the first part of the Mass

Session 3: Thursday March 10, 7pm Holy Family Community Centre - Family based presentation on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, parent/child in attendance.

Session 4: Sunday March 20, 9.30am Holy Family Church - Lesson for children during the first part of the Mass.

Attendance at all sessions is compulsory. If a candidate misses one of the Sunday sessions there will be a 'make-up session'.

The cost of the program is \$70. For a child to make Reconciliation they must be baptised and in Grade 3 or above.

Please contact the Parish Office 5278 1343 for more information and enrolment. **Enrolments must close on Friday February 19.**

FR MICK'S MATES - RELAY FOR LIFE

Registration for 2016 commences this week. The event is on Sat/Sun March 19th and 20th.

Cost \$20 if registered by February 19th, \$25 from February 20th.

Forms available at entry to Church or Parish Office. Registration includes Sun saver top and Insurance.

FILM NIGHT THURSDAY 3RD MARCH

Two sessions 4pm or 7pm. Includes finger food and refreshments between the sessions.

Movie: **THE INTERN** starring Robert DeNiro and Anne Hathaway

\$20 per ticket.

Date to Remember: Relay for Life event will be held on weekend of **March 19/20.**



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: We meet at the Pastoral Cluster Centre every Tuesday evening at 5.30pm. The prayer time includes some 20 or so minutes of Christian meditation and some input from a CD of either Frs John Main or Laurence Freeman.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY FOR PASTORAL CLUSTER SCHOOLS:

Over the years the three schools have gathered together for formation in their spiritual lives. Our guest speakers over the years have included Fr Brian Gore (Columban), Fr Frank O'Loughlin (Eucharist Theologian), Fr Frank Moloney (Scripture Scholar), Ruth Fowler (Teacher of Christian Meditation). This year the focus will be on the Holy Father's Papal Document on the Environment, Laudate Si on Friday March 4th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Holy Spirit Church is looking for ladies to assist with the flowers and care of the Altar. If you are able to assist or would like some further information, please contact the parish office on 5278 1343.

THANKYOU: "Melbourne Overseas Missions would like to express our sincerest gratitude for the support of Geelong West Parish during our recent appeal. The exceptional generosity of your parishioners will make a significant contribution to improving the health, education and living conditions of many underprivileged people.: The amount raised was \$2,169.45

Liturgy in the Cluster in February:

Ash Wednesday:

- Feb 10...** 9.15am Mass - Holy Family Church - school children in attendance
9.15am Mass - Holy Spirit Church - school children in attendance
12noon Mass - St Patrick's Chapel - whole school Mass
7.00pm Mass - Ss Peter & Paul's Church
- Feb 11...** 9.15am Mass - Holy Family Church - whole school Mass with Australian singer/songwriter Andrew Chin in attendance
- Feb 13...** 6.00pm Mass - Holy Spirit Church - welcome to Preps and staff of Holy Spirit School
- Feb 14...** 9.30am Mass - Holy Family Church - welcome to Preps and staff of Holy Family School
" 11.00am Mass - Ss Peter & Paul's Church - Sacrament of Reconciliation Commitment Mass*
- Feb 17...** 1.00pm Mass - St Mary's Basilica - Opening School Mass for Clonard students
- Feb 20...** 6.00pm Mass - Holy Spirit Church - Sacrament of First Reconciliation Commitment Mass
- Feb 21...** 11.00am Mass - Holy Spirit Church - Sacrament of First Reconciliation Commitment Mass
" 11am.00 Mass - Ss Peter & Paul's Church - Welcome to Preps and staff of St Patrick's School* (this is an additional Mass)
- Feb 28...** 9.30am Mass - Holy Family Church - Sacrament of First Reconciliation Commitment Mass

* Please note - the change of **Sacrament of Reconciliation Commitment Mass and the Welcome to Staff and Preps of St Patrick's.**

A VOCATION VIEW -

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God does not ask you to be successful:

God does ask you to be faithful.

Put your vocation ahead of your career.

Community News:

- Feb 10...** **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Monthly meeting next Wednesday 7.30pm at Clairvaux Meeting Rooms Belmont. Members please attend and bring a plate.
- Mar 19...** **IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL:** St Patrick's School

THE GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB: Come join us for a 2-course evening meal, stimulating guest speakers and the opportunity to meet new friends, all for only \$30. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Berkeley Lodge on Pakington St. For more information and reservations please ph Michael 0431 959 584 and check out our website: www.catholicdinersclub.org to learn more.

CAR WANTED: Peggie Carmody is in need of a car for work transport for her son for use over the next few months, either for sale or loan. If anyone can help please ph 5278 7179.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: *Invest in your most precious asset - your marriage!* Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Re-charge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. **2016 Melbourne Weekend Dates: 8-18 April, 17-19 June, 19-21 August, 11-13 Nov.** Starts 7pm on Friday and ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Enquiries/Bookings ph 9733 0997 or wwme.org.au



MELBOURNE CATHOLIC:

This is a new outreach by the Archdiocese to replace the magazine *KAIROS*. In the words of Shane Healy, the Director Media and Communications: "Welcome to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne's new monthly magazine, **Melbourne Catholic**. The publication contains a wonderful variety of interesting and inspirational stories, along with commentary on contemporary issues. To introduce you to **Melbourne Catholic**, we are offering the first two editions free of charge. It is my hope that you will support our new magazine and become a subscriber. The price for 2016 is \$36 and covers all editions from April onwards. You can subscribe using the enclosed reply-paid envelope. Please enjoy your free edition of **Melbourne Catholic** and let your friends and family know about it. Indooing so, you will help us to spread the Good News from Melbourne far and wide! I look forward to your feedback and hope you will continue to be a loyal subscriber for many years to come."

/From P1...

For most of us the departures necessary in following Jesus are in our hearts.

Furthermore in this story, Luke is also telling us about the great number of converts attracted to the Christian life. We know that some of these were notorious sinners. No doubt the leaders of the early Church had anxieties about admitting them.

By relating the story of the sinful Peter being called by Jesus, Luke reassures the community that as long as anyone is able to leave behind the destructiveness of their previous life they can, with guidance, become a disciple of Jesus.

Luke teaches that it is not for us to condemn anyone caught up in the net of salvation: simply to trust in God's love and compassion that visits the sick and well alike.

May we pray in this Eucharist for the humility in the Church to accept that God can turn our judgments, laws, customs, protocols and management strategies upside down and sometimes bring forward, from the most unexpected quarters, leaders who show us new dimensions to God's power shining through our human weakness.